

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association

October 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

President Oakes called the meeting to order, noting a quorum present and two guest speakers.

Agenda was approved with no changes.

Minutes of September 24 and August 27, 2019 were approved as drafted.

Treasurer Report Treasurer Cathy Boucher reported no activity and a balance of \$7247.42. Two checks for social expenses are outstanding.

Presentations

- Measure 3-552 Amending West Linn City Charter by Councilor Rich Sakelik
Voter approval will reverse a 2013 change the City Manager made without a vote of the people that surreptitiously took away Council purview over city legal advisors and allowed the CM to hire an Assistant City Attorney. Approval will avoid conflicting advice, CM potential conflict of interest; and the Council of five members will decide to hire all legal advisors.
- Measure 3-554 West Linn-Wilsonville School District Capital Improvements Bond by John McCabe, WL resident and Treasurer of the last three bond campaigns. The measure is to borrow \$206 million and claims to keep the bonding tax rate under \$3 per \$1000 because it will replace an existing bond. In fact, a bond is not retiring and the WLWVSD will borrow at a premium rate to retire a bond, which is like a reverse mortgage. WLWVSD claims the bond is needed to build a new school because of "overcrowding," but the total number of students decreased by 132 last year, and will continue as transfer students graduate out of the district.

Members asked questions following each presentation.

Election of Officers Nominated were Karie Oakes, President; Tom Neff, Vice President and Syndey Potkowski, Treasurer. No nominations for Secretary. All were unanimously elected by secret ballot. In light of there being no secretary, the suggestion was made to develop a template for minutes and ask for a member to take minutes at each meeting.

Labyrinth Rand New reported quite a lot was accomplished at the clean-up, with about 8-10 adults and kids. Discussed moving plants and putting them around the perimeter, butterfly garden or giving them away to WL Garden Club, for example.

Mary Jean Rivera was unable to attend. President Oakes reported has volunteered to lead maintenance for two years as a West Linn Parks volunteer, if there are no objections from MNA. There was consensus to support Ms. Rivera's efforts. Her presentation about the history and purpose of the labyrinth was deferred to a future meeting.

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Citizen Vision Goals The 2019 draft was compared with the 2003 Council Goals which was originally in the West Linn Comprehensive Plan. Brooke Snyder moved and Cathy Boucher seconded to revise these number lines of the draft with the 2003 language: 2. replace "a voice" with "real control" 3. replace "Always strive to improve" with "Maintain and strengthen" 9. replace growth "should pay" with "must pay." Motion passed all in favor and one abstained.

Marylhurst Roadside Conditions President Oakes reported she spoke to Mike Cardwell, WL Environmental Services, who is in charge of stormwater facilities. He looked at the drainage ditch at 1620 Marylhurst DR and shored up the edge with gravel and nothing more could be done. He said the property owner adjacent a public right of way is responsible to maintain driveway culvert and anything else in ROW. He recommended talking with Amy Pepper, City Engineer, to answer other questions about code and the Stormwater Master Plan.

Members would like to understand why pipes aren't being connected when it seems a reasonable solution to improve safety of pedestrians and prevent impacts downhill. President Oakes said the Stormwater Master Plan Council hearing is November 12 and suggested learning more about it and if it was an opportunity to impact this problem.

President Oakes will contact Ms. Pepper. Members asked for Lance Calvert, Public Works Director, to be invited to our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned